Rocket firing by Pak Troops

401. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn to a news-item captioned "Pak troops fires 6 rockets into India" as reported in the Statesman dated 4th July, 1994;

(b) whether the Pakistani troops have fired rockets into Indian side;

(c) if so, the loss of life and property as a result thereof; and

(d) the precautionary steps Government have taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) and (b) Pakistani troops have been resorting to firing of rockets from across the Line of Control (LC) in the recent past. On 2nd July, 1994 Pakistani troops had fired two rockets each in Naushahra and Krishnaghati Sectors.

(c) There was no loss to life and property due to the aforesaid rocket firings.

(d) Adequate measures are being taken by the Security Forces on ground to meet such situations.

Upgradation of MIGs

402. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the PRIME MNISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn to a newsitem captioned "Upgraded MIGs to strengthen IAF" as reported in the Statesman dated 27th June, 1994;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to up grade the ageing MIG fighters;

(c) whether Government proposed to take the help of foreign countries in upgrading the MIG fighters; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) to (d) The Government proposes to upgrade the MIG-21 BIS aircraft held in the inventory of the IAF The upgradation package would consist of integration of indigenous, Russian and western weapons|avionics. Design and development phase of the upgradation is planned to be undertaken in Russia. Productionisation of the upgraded version will be done by HAL.

Upgradation of coast guard to combat Narco-terrorism

403. SYED SIBTEY RAZI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether government propose to upgrade coast guard to combat the increasing threat of narco-terrorism;

(b) if so, the steps to be taken in this regard;

(c) whether this upgradation will also help combat the increasing smuggling activities in the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for not upgrading the coast guard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTERY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) to (d) The Coast Guard assists the enforcement agencies in anti-smuggling operations. The Coast Guard ships are adequately equipped with modern equipments which are continuously updated. As per the Coast Guard Development Plan 1992—97, a number of shins|boats and aircrafts are planned for induction to enhance their capability.

Supply of ammunition from Ukraine and Russia

404. SHRI K. M. KHAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether some agreement has been signed among India, Ukraine and Russia for supply of some spares and critically required ammunition to India;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the supplies under this agreement will commence from some fixed period; and